(e) The amount of income tax outstanding at the end of last three financial years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Financial Year	Amount of Income Tax outstanding
2005-06	1,16,766
2004-05	98,612
2003-04	87,885

It is not feasible to estimate the amount of Income-tax that shall remain outstanding at the end of the current financial year as the same could depend on several factors including the nature of the appellate orders, the success of the efforts for recovery, the nature and quantum of tax-demand raised during the current year, etc.

Change of mutilated currency notes

2653. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many of the nationalized banks do not change the mutilated currency notes under the Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 1975 compelling people to go to touts in the field paying a commission;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent reports published in the press in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Nationalised Banks are under instructions to provide the facility of exchange of soiled bank notes at all branches and facility of exchange of mutilated bank notes at designated branches under Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 1975. Whenever any specific complaint is received by Reserve Bank, the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned bank (including Nationalised Banks) for resolution.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to the news report regarding non-provision of exchange facilities by bank branches located on Parliament Street, New Delhi. New Delhi office of the Reserve Bank of India deputed its officers on incognito visits to 11 branches of

various nationalised banks spread over one kilometre area in Parliament Street, New Delhi. Eight branches were found to be extending the facility. Two branches were not designated branches (non currency chests). As regards the remaining one branch, the matter has been suitably taken up with the Controlling Authorities concerned.

Loans to farmers in Andhra Pradesh

2654. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to issue instructions to the commercial banks to extend loans to farmers for taking up fresh crops;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, Govt, of Andhra Pradesh has requested a credit flow in 2006-07 of Rs. 13,817.78 crores to 16 districts identified by Ministry of Agriculture which have reported maximum number of suicides by farmers.

Autonomy to **NABARD**

2655. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with Government seeking full operational autonomy to NABARD,

(b) if so, any action initiated on that proposal;

(c) whether the NABARD employees association has submitted any alternative organizational study reports to the management; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ' (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Government of India has provided operational autonomy to NABARD by amending the relevant sections of the NABARD Act, 1981 in the year 2000. No proposal is